



Office of Transformation

CHARTER SCHOOLS Update

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

3-year Goals

1. Increase the number of high-quality charter campuses, particularly in urban settings.
2. Ensure that every charter school is high performing.

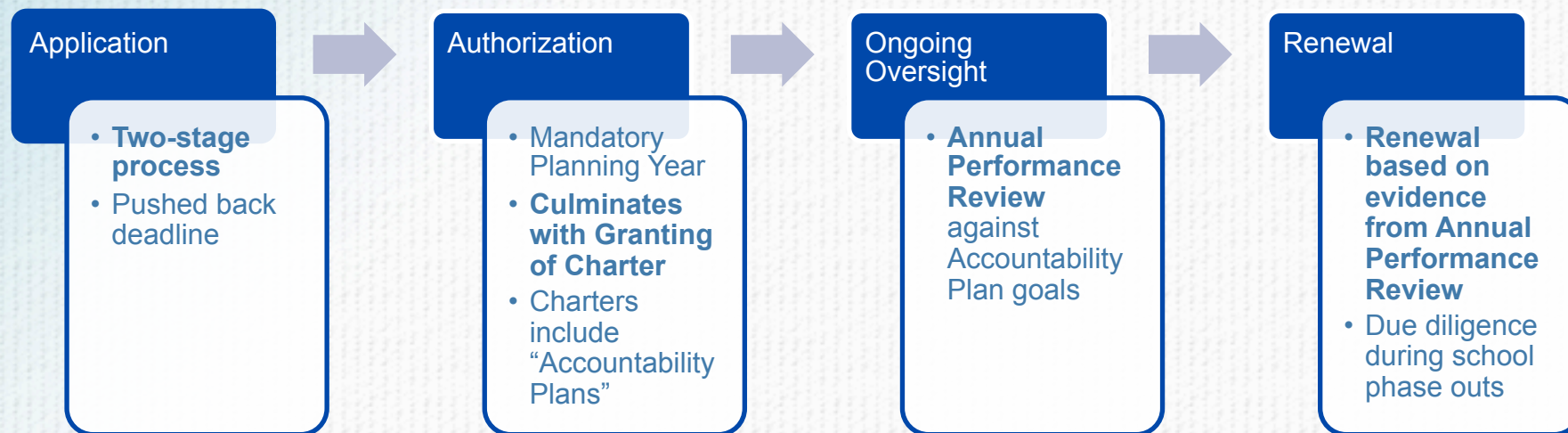
How will Transformation accomplish this?

- Seek approval for **Charter Regulations**;
- Implement robust **performance management process**; and
- Reward **grants** to promising applicants and high-performing charter schools.

The Regulations

- Fulfills obligations in the charter school statute (<http://bit.ly/ditqEv>).
- Necessary legal foundation to implement the quality control processes described in the "Performance Management Process" Brief (<http://bit.ly/av9eQn>).

Key Changes in Process



KEY RESULTS:

- Smoother School Openings
- Clear Expectations
- Regular Feedback on school performance
- Student outcomes guide decision-making at all stages

Key Responsibilities in Process

Application

- **RIDE:** Coordinate process; provide recommendations for promising applications
- **BOR:** Approve applications

Authorization

- **RIDE:** Provide technical assistance; set performance expectations
- **BOR:** Approve charters

Ongoing Oversight

- **RIDE:** Evaluate school performance; approve minor amendments to charters
- **BOR:** Approve major amendments to charters

Renewal

- **RIDE:** Compile evidence from Performance Review; provide recommendations for renewal
- **BOR:** Approve renewals

The Grants

- **RTTT (\$1M)**
 - Expansion Grants (\$250K)
- **CSP (\$~8M)**
 - Planning Grants (\$20K-\$40K)
 - Implementation Grants (\$250K - \$400K)
 - Dissemination Grants (\$10K - \$30K)
- **Will start accepting applications in late January**

What's in my packet?

- **UPDATED Response to Charter Leader Concerns**
- **Charter School Regulations**
- **Performance Management Process**
 - *Addendum + Original Brief*
- **UPDATED Performance Review Handbook**
 - Handbook + *Excerpts from Indianapolis Mayor's Office Performance Handbook*
- **NEW Charter School Application Draft**